

FORT SILL RETIREE COUNCIL
Minutes

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-8-7, Retirement Services Program, a meeting of the Fort Sill Retiree Council was held Thursday, 12 February 2009.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT (18).

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| COL (R) Felix Peterson | USA, Retired |
| LTC (R) Kenneth Lowmiller, Co-Chairman | USA, Retired |
| MAJ (R) Angelo Venniro | USA, Retired |
| CW5 (R) Joseph Diaz | USA, Retired |
| CW4 (R) Thomas Stiger | USA, Retired |
| CSM (R) Bill Barwick | USA, Retired |
| CSM (R) Vic Crespo | USA, Retired |
| CSM (R) George Ponder, Co-Chairman | USA, Retired |
| SGM (R) H E McClure | USA, Retired |
| SGM (R) Tom VanDevender | ARNG-AGR, Retired |
| MSG (R) Phyllis Dorough-Barker | USAR-AGR, Retired |
| MSG (R) Kimberly Wendel | ARNG-AGR, Retired |
| SFC (R) Joseph Bayones | USA, Retired |
| SFC (R) Carter Oakes | USA, Retired |
| SFC (R) Mark Winburn | USA, Retired |
| Mrs Linda Tunnell | RSO |
| Mrs Sally Brantley | Military Widow (Off) |
| Mrs Joan Demastus | Military Widow (Enl) |

3. MEMBERS ABSENT (6).

LTC (R) Jerry Orr, excused
CW4 (R) Jim Gonzales, excused
CW4 (R) Joe Talley
CSM (R) Dave Kantor, excused
CSM (R) Gordon Shaw, excused
1SG (R) Hedrick, excused

4. RESIGNATION(s) (1).

CWO (R) Grimur Magnusson

5. NEW MEMBER(s) (6).

LTC (R) Kenneth Lowmiller
LTC (R) Charles Hernandez
LTC (R) John Martin
LTC (R) Jackson Simpson
CSM (R) Dave Kantor
SFC (R) Carter Oakes

6. OPENING PRAYER. By MSG (R) Dorough-Barker

7. PLEDGE. By LTC (R) Lowmiller; also read 'Toast to the Flag'

8. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER/WELCOME REMARKS. By CSM (R) Ponder, Co-Chairman

9. GUEST SPEAKER. Mrs Stacie Sterling, AAFES Store Manager

- construction to begin on Sheridan Road Shoppette expansion in 2010, complete by 2011
- 2010-2011, new Shoppette on Sheridan Road, location TBD
- Burger King/Church's expansion/upgrade project to be started/completed 2010/2011
- considering consolidating PXtra, Class VI, MCSS, 2010-2013
- expansion of PX and Food Court planned, same time frame
 - SFC (R) Bayones - recommends they check out Class VI facility at Tinker Air Force Base
- Area demographics determine size of PX, number of Shoppettes on Post (includes Active Duty, Retirees, Family Members)
- RSO - 23,000 Retirees in area, all Branches of Service
 - CSM (R) Ponder recommended we add this info to the Commander's RAD briefing
- 'Still Serving' sale dates are set by AAFES HQs, cannot change to coincide with RAD dates (18-19 Sep 09); however, PX will offer specials during RAD
 - SFC (R) Bayones - prepare flyer, send to Stacie for Golf Tournament and RAD; (sterlings@aafes.com) will also coordinate with Stacie on flyers/banners/posters for RAD/Co-Op picnic and Golf Tournament; Ms Demastus will assist
 - CSM (R) Barwick - make sure we advertise at Gates also; hang 1st week of September for RAD
- Go to AAFES.com and make sure you're signed up to receive coupons/flyers
- Car Care Center - new contract has been awarded to Firestone

10. OLD BUSINESS.

- Minutes - Motion to accept Minutes as written made by MSG (R) Wendell, second by MAJ (R) Venniro, Approved
- Treasurer's Report, SFC(R) Winburn:
 - Flag Box Fund balance = \$1,500, General Fund = \$10,863
 - Proposed Budget = \$11,350
 - Motion to approve Budget as stated made by CW5 (R) Diaz, second by LTC (R) Lowmiller, Approved, subject to audit
 - Motion made by LTC (R) Lowmiller to purchase 15 tables per year till we have a total of 70 for RAD; priced at Sam's for approximately \$78 each for an 8' table; Council will store and transport; second by MAJ (R) Venniro; Approved
- MWR ExCom Report, CSM (R) Crespo:
 - roadside marquees are up and running well
 - bowling alley upgrade in progress; completion January 2010
 - LETRA cabins pending approval by Historical Preservation Office

- new golf cart barn awaiting approval, currently at Historical Preservation Office
- considering relocating Cedar Lakes golf cart barn to new golf course; need to decide on where to put maintenance facility, then will decide on barn
- since consolidation to 1 golf course, more rounds have been played since September 2008 now than in last 2 years
- privatization of Lodging in FY10 to a brand name hotel; company TBD
- bids are due by 2d quarter 2009 for name brand casual dining
- RecPlex – consolidation complete, sent for review, programmed for next year
- Looking for more Co-Op participation; will get ruling on who (Council) can participate and report at next meeting

11. NEW BUSINESS.

- Golf Tournament, 8 May, alternate date 15 May
 - SFC (R) Bayones will coordinate with LTC (R) Orr and get required documentation to MWR for permission to hold tournament; coordinate with Club on dates; report at next Council meeting
 - Need everyone's assistance, not just Golf Committee!
 - CW4 (R) Stiger will coordinate/finalize with Committee on new signs; report at next meeting
- RAD - no more Fire Power Demonstrations; CSM (R) Crespo will check into touring Battle Lab; will need 1 bus; give info to RSO as soon as possible
 - CSM (R) Shaw and MSG (R) Wendell will coordinate Museum tour; will need 1 bus; give info to RSO as soon as possible
 - Guest Speaker – Mr Gary Quintero, Deputy Chief, Army Retirement Services; per RSO; e-mail any ideas you have for him to RSO NLT end of February!
- Flag Box materials/plaques –
 - CW4 (R) Stiger made motion to allow \$1,100 for these items, second by MAJ (R) Venniro, Approved
- Reconfirmed Council/RAD Duty Positions; POC is SGM (R) VanDevender
- Motion to accept digital camera that LTC (R) Orr donated to Council (Treasurer, send him a receipt) made by CW5 (R) Diaz, second by LTC (R) Lowmiller, Approved
 - MSG (R) Wendell also has a thumb drive to go with camera, will get to RSO
- RAD Tours:
 - Wichita Mountain Tour – primary is CW4 (R) Talley
 - Plantation Restaurant for Lunch – primary is SGM (R) McClure assisted by Mrs Brantley; will have copy of menu at tour sign-up table; coordinate lunch with Chief Talley to ensure lunch is on time schedule with tour
 - will have 2 LATCO buses available

12. ROUNDTABLE.

- MSG (R) Dorough-Barker – recommends Ms Sonja Martinez as Entertainer for RAD Banquet; gave contact info to COL (R) Peterson
- MSG (R) Wendell – attended Focus Group meeting; meets Quarterly; if you have any issues to present to Group, send them to her

- Mrs Brantley and Mrs Demastus will be unable to attend RAD this year; they will be in Albuquerque attending the National Society of Military Widows Convention; they will assist with RAD planning
- SFC (R) Bayones – passed out info on Vietnam Memorial Scholarship, Capt Riley L Pitts Commemorative Scholarship; contact Financial Aid Services at OU for details
- SGM (R) McClure – asked who qualifies to be a Council Co-Chairman?
 - Per MSG (R) Wendell – our current Charter (in process of being updated) states that:
 - *and WHEREAS, the Installation Commander, Fort Sill, wishes to form and support a Retiree Council composed of 26 members (12 retired officers and 12 retired enlisted Soldiers, two of which will serve as Co-Chairpersons, preferably a retired Colonel and a retired Command Sergeant Major, and 2 widows/widowers of Retired Soldiers), as deemed appropriate by the Installation Commander, and designate the Retirement Services Officer, Fort Sill, as advisor to the Retiree Council.*
 - AR 600-8-7 does not state rank; para 4-2b(2) states: *Will have their composition and terms of appointment determined by the installation commander.*
 - Per CSM (R) Ponder, wording will be deleted from revised Charter - *preferably a retired Colonel and a retired Command Sergeant Major*; Charter will also reflect that the out-going Co-Chairperson will recommend their successor and Council will then vote
 - MSG (R) Wendell will send info to RSO to check with Garrison Commander for his comments
 - Motion made by MAJ (R) Venniro to add additional positions to Council – 1 Officer and 1 Enlisted, second by MSG (R) Wendell, Approved; Membership Roster will reflect 13 Officer, 13 Enlisted, 2 Widow/Widowers positions (1 Officer, 1 Enlisted) for a total of 28 positions; show RSO as Advisor
 - Motion made by SFC (R) Bayones that Council does not bring in new members until recommendation(s) are brought to the Council and voted on before name sent forward; second by CW5 (R) Diaz, Approved
 - Also has a complaint about gate manning; when he arrives on Post at approximately 0430 there's only one person on gate and traffic is backed up to I-44, while other guards are just sitting in the building; need all guards on gates
 - per CSM (R) Ponder – submit complaint to Provost Marshall
- RSO – Ft Sill RAD dates were inadvertently left out of the listing in Army Echoes; our dates will be in next issue

13. ADJOURNMENT at 1040.

14. NEXT MEETING. Tuesday, **12 May 2009**, 0800 (0730-0800 for coffee & pastries), Patriot Club.

Respectfully submitted,

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